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TO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AWRD, GW, US, VS, OTRA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US VISIT BY GERMAN VIET- NAM POWS

1. IN RECOGNITION OF THE ASSISTANCE AND BRAVERY SHOWN BY  
THE TWO GERMANS MONICA SCHWINN AND BERNHARD DIEHL DURING  
THEIR CAPTIVITY WITH AMERICAN POWS IN VIET- NAM THE  
SECRETARY WISHES TO SHOW IN AN IMPRESSIVE WAY AMERICAN  
APPRECIATION. SINCE THE FORTHCOMING BRANDT VISIT COULD  
AFFORD AN OCCASION TO DO THIS THE GERMAN EMBASSY  
( MINISTER NOEBEL ) WAS INFORMED APRIL 25 THAT THE GERMAN  
GOVERNMENT MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER INCLUDING THEM IN THE  
CHANCELLOR'S PARTY. IF THIS WERE DONE THEY WOULD BE  
HONORED DURING THE VISIT AND COULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD  
BE INCLUDED IN AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION SUCH AS THE PRESI-  
DENT' S DINNER.

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2. MINISTER NOEBEL WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO INCLUDE THE TWO GERMANS IN THE PARTY WHICH THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE GIVING FOR AMERICAN POWS ON MAY 24. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO WELCOME THEM HERE FOR THAT OCCASION AND WOULD PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION IF THAT WERE NEEDED.

3. MINISTER NOEBEL EXPRESSED MUCH APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS AND SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT THEM

TO BONN IMMEDIATE ALLEGATION THAT COPPER PRICE HAS SOMEHOW FALLEN 50 PERCENT SINCE 1970 IS TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION IN FACT THE AVERAGE US DOMESTIC PRODUCER PRICE IN 1970 FOR ELECTROLYTIC WIREBAR COPPER WAS 58.07 CENTS PER POUND; TODAY THAT PRICE IS 60 CENTS PER POUND. TO LINK NON-EXISTENT FALL OF COPPER PRICE TO NON-EXISTENT COPPER DISPOSALS SMACKS OF DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO MISLEAD WORLD OPINION. ROGERS

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